



Staff Update

February 18, 2021

OUR ONE WORD

LIFT

Let's keep living out this word!

Grateful

1-**EL Team and co-teachers**-Thanks to all of you for Adjusting and Adapting like PROs with all of these snow days as you try to get OELPA completed

2-**All of the helpers**-JW runs like a well-oiled machine. Herb came over on Wednesday and noticed that no one really needed help! You all are amazing.

3-**A semi-sloped front yard** (I'm digging deep this week)-I'm so grateful that my front yard kind of slopes a little bit downhill and my kids were able to build a snow ramp so they could go "sledding" while in quarantine.

If you read my blog post, you will know where to find the "AMAZING THINGS" chart and what to do with it!!

Love is an Intervention



Kim, Karen and Jim knew I was missing being at school. So, they couldn't help but send me some menacing pictures...I consider friendly banter a form of LOVE though!

Where was Dolly in picture 2?

I have NEVER put my feet on my desk...that's gross?

Wasting post its should be against the law.

Start preparing for March 15th

If you haven't filled out the classroom seating info form. Please [click here](#).

My advice for planning for all in---Get your rooms set up. Think about how you want to spend the first few days building community. Remember LOVE is an intervention. The kids are going to be nervous, you are going to be nervous, I am going to be nervous! None of us have been in school with all of the kids in a YEAR! WE CAN DO HARD THINGS!

Room changes--we are not changing any room assignments this year. So, Related Arts will remain in classrooms or the gym. Title/EL will remain in big rooms that were assigned to them.

Questions, worries, concerns, thoughts? Email, text or call me. I have also reviewed the things you put in the google doc about things we need to think about for all in! Or, put it in **THIS FORM.**

1 All In-Dr. M will propose to the Bd that we go back March 15th. Other surrounding districts are going back as early as March 1st. The Bd could deny that request and tell us we have to go back earlier. So, the Bd meeting on Monday should be interesting.

2-3ft in classrooms-We will need to maintain 3ft social distance in classrooms. It is important to note that this means 3 feet SHOULDER TO SHOULDER not edge to edge of desk. This should help as you are arranging your rooms. YOU NEED TO GET RID OF EXTRA FURNITURE IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH 3 feet. We can store extra furniture in Scott Jones' room that Colleen is working in! BE SURE TO LABEL EVERYTHING YOU TAKE OUT OF YOUR ROOM.

3-Lunch-As of now, we will not have to use the gym for lunch. We will be permitted to have 8 kids instead of 4 at cafeteria tables. We will do new assigned seating charts...stay tuned.

4-Breakfast-As of now it will be in the classrooms. Why? b/c we'll be doing three feet at lunch for eating and we can do 3ft in classrooms for eating.

5-Dividers-The three-sided dividers can add an extra barrier of protection. There are still a few in my office if you want to grab them. If we run out, I can request more. I suggest using them when kids eat breakfast in the rooms.

6-Sharing equipment-still a no and most likely never going to be a yes this school year.

7-Visitors in school-not this year

8-5th grade clap out-nope---5th grade teachers, I know it seems early but we will need to start thinking about doing a virtual 5th grade recognition again.

9-Media Center-plans for media center will stay the same as it is in hybrid. K and 1 pick out books from the cart. 2-5 use the Destiny system.

Start preparing for all in on March 15th. Of course this could change and is not 100% in stone but be prepared b/c it is likely.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A TEACHER WORK DAY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 12!!!! WE WILL NOT HAVE ANY MEETINGS ON MARCH 12 THIS WILL BE A FULL WORK DAY FOR YOU TO GET READY.

2nd Vaccine

If you are getting your second vaccine on Tuesday the 23rd, please fill out [this form](#) so we can prepare ahead of time for the potential of you not being at school on Wed. This form is for everyone, not just teachers.

Virtual Zoo Assemblies for B DAY

The Assemblies will be March 9th, same times as the A day assemblies. I will send out a new zoom link.

Black History Month

Thank you for the work you are doing for Black History Month!

On **MARCH 1st and 2nd** we will have each class sign up to take a black history month tour of our doors/hallway displays to learn about our famous people! We will send a sign up later!

Here is a great resource about famous black people! <http://thekulturekidz.com/>

R Factor For February

Please show the Virtual Assembly in class to groups A and B. I know you've only seen B day once this month! Ugh!

February's focus for R Factor is ADJUST AND ADAPT.
We want kids to take away the following things:

Sometimes you Press Pause, Get Your Mind Right and Step Up and then your plan doesn't work or can't work so you have to ADJUST AND ADAPT!

This is how we adjust and adapt:

- 1-change our actions and words
- 2-have a growth mindset
- 3-become OK with change

Spirit Wear

There are new and cute Dolly and JW things on our Spirit Wear sale. Check out the masks! Please share this with parents as well.

Here is [the link](#).

PROGRESS REPORTS

By Friday, Feb 19

**Teachers Responsible for Grading:

- Generate Progress Reports as PDF file and review for accuracy (this may be done earlier)
- Make any changes necessary, report issues to bldg secretary

Tuesday, Feb 23

Tech Dept:

- Close Teacher Access Center for mark entry at 11:59 pm

**Teachers Responsible for Grading:

- LAST DAY to enter marks for Progress Reports

Progress Report Comments

For classroom teachers only: I am going to lay out a hard request here...I need you to copy the following paragraph (the one in green below) and use it as your wording for each one of your progress reports.

You are welcome to personalize anything within parentheses. However, please do not add much more to it. All elementary principals are asking their teachers to use this! I don't want anyone to feel like they have to do more.

Hoping this helps to take something off your plate once again this trimester. Please do this J (And start getting in the mindset that you will need to write your own personalized comments for the last trimester – since there isn't a conference night prior to it.)

For the 2nd trimester of 20-21, HCSD operated in a Hybrid learning model for 11 weeks and an eLearning model for 2 weeks. During Hybrid, students attended school for 50% of the time and completed at-home assignments for 50% of the time. While in eLearning, students participated in class Zoom sessions and completed assignments on Canvas. This progress report reflects your student's (knowledge/achievement/ability) for the grade level standards that were assessed

during this trimester. During parent teacher conferences in February, specific data and assessments were shared via Zoom/phone. (I would encourage you to continue to read with your student, work on math games, and write daily at home.) If you have additional questions regarding (student's name) ability, please feel free to contact me at (teacher email).

PTO Update--SPEND THAT MONEY

1. **INDOOR RECESS TEACHER GRANTS**-Each CLASSROOM TEACHER is able to spend up to \$50 on supplies for INDOOR RECESS courtesy of the PTO! They opted for this as opposed to purchasing supplies and giving them to you because they wanted you to decide what would be best for your class. You MUST FOLLOW THIS PROCESS FOR USING THE \$50:
 - a. Fill out [this form](#)
 - b. Save your receipt and put it in the PTO mailbox with your NAME ON IT.
 - c. PTO will fill out a check and give it to you within a few days!

What's Coming Up

February 19-School Picture Make Up Day

I will send out a form on Monday so you can sign up for needing coverage if your shot is Tues or Wed.

February 25 and 26-eLearning-ish days and VACCINES (we will have our monthly fire drills on these days...you're welcome)

March 1-PTO-7PM via zoom

March 1 and 2-BLACK HISTORY MONTH BUILDING TOURS

March 9-B Day Zoo Zoom